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TO: Tribal Veterans Service Offices

SUBJECT: 2020 American Indian Veterans Service Grant

In accordance with Wis. Stat. § 45.82(4) and Wis. Admin. Code ch. VA 15, the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) announces the 2020 American Indian Veterans' Service (AIVS) Grant for improvement of services to Tribal Veterans. The WDVA may make annual grants of up to \$15,000 per grant. The maximum grant award will be determined by the number of Tribes requesting a grant.

To apply for a grant, the federally recognized American Indian Tribes and Bands shall do the following by January 31, 2020:

1. File a grant application (WDVA 0056B) with WDVA for the current fiscal year (7/1/19 – 6/30/20).
2. File an application cover letter that includes a statement which addresses the respective Tribe's goals and objectives for calendar year 2020.
3. File a Grant Agreement (WDVA 0056C) with the WDVA for calendar year 2020. The grant agreement must have the Tribe's name inserted in the four appropriate places and be signed by an authorized Tribal Government official and the Tribal Veterans Service Officer (TVSO).
4. File a federal benefits service delivery report (WDVA 0056D) with WDVA for the preceding calendar year.
5. File a certified copy of the budget adopted by the governing body of the Tribe or Band for Tribal Veterans Service Office operations for the calendar year 2020, signed by the TVSO or his/her designee or the Tribal clerk/treasurer or other tribal official, certifying that the submitted budget is true and correct.
6. File a proposed budget for the use of the AIVS grant (sample WDVA 0056E).

The application packet for the 2020 American Indian Veterans' Service Grants, WDVA 0056, is now available online at:

https://dva.wi.gov/Documents/newsMediaDocuments/WDVA%20Toolkit/Forms/WDVA_0056_TVSO_Grant_Packet.doc.

Completed application materials referenced above must be mailed to the address below or faxed to (608) 267-0403 no later than **Friday, January 31, 2020**. Indicate in transmittal envelope or cover sheet that it is the **2020 AIVS Grant**. Applications may also be scanned and emailed to *VetsBenefitsGrants@dva.wisconsin.gov*. Please use “**2020 AIVS Grant**” in the subject line.

In those cases where a federally recognized Tribe or Band also has status as a county, the governing body of the Tribe or Band may apply for an AIVS grant or for a County Veterans’ Service Grant under Wis. Admin. Code ch. VA 8, but is not eligible for a grant under both programs.

For questions regarding the **2020 AIVS Grant**, please call 1-800-WIS-VETS (947-8387) and ask to speak with Chad McCafferty, or submit an email to *VetsBenefitsGrants@dva.wisconsin.gov*.